लिए उक्त क्षेत्र हेतु किसी विशेष कार्य योजना का निरूपण नहीं किया गया है।

(ङ) गुजरात में 31-10-1993 को विभिन्न जलाशयों में भण्डारण की स्थिति का विवरण अनुपत्र में दिया गया है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 169, अनुपत्र सं० 11]

Drought-Affected Areas in the Country

138. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite heavy rains and floods in different parts of the country, certain pockets still remain drought striken;

(b) if so, the details of these dry pockets in different States specially in Maharashtra (Vidarbha), Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what relief has been given to drought victims of these areas by the Central Government and what measures were taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments.

Representations received in P.M.O. against issue of Sugar Licences

139. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received in the Prime Misister's office against the issue of sugar licences before the ensuing States Assembly election;

(b) the nature of representations received; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in view of these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No representations specifically suggesting non issue of sugar licences before the ensuing State Assembly election have been received.

(c) Does not arise.

Wastage of Foodgrains during Transition

140. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains worth about Rs 3,000 crores are being wasted every year during storage and transition; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check these wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No. Sir. The storage and transit shortages of the Food Corporation of India are on an average around Rs. 200 crores per annum.

(b) Food Corporation of India have taken various measures to minimise and prevent the losses. Some of the important ones are:

(i) Strict enforcement of quality specifications during procurement of foodgrains.

(ii) Installation of weigh-bridges in godowns.

(iii) Augmentation of covered storage capacity.

(iv) Encouraging machine stiching of the bags.

(v) Installation of in motion wagon weigh-bridges.

(vi) Reduction in the quantum of foodgrains filled in each bag.

(vii) Administrative measures such as tightening of security at depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verifications etc.

Construction of Godowns by FCI

141. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: